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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON CYPRUS

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET MORNING OF AUGUST 31 ON CYPRUS
QUESTION. REPRESENTATIVES OF CYPRUS, GREECE, THE TURKISH
CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, AND TURKEY SPOKE, ALL ALONG PREDICTABLE
LINES. DEBATE WILL RESUME IN AFTERNOON. AT THIS POINT,
INDIA, ROMANIA AND USSR ARE ON SPEAKERS' LIST. SO FAR,
US HAS NOT INSCRIBED.

2. CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES STOPPED JUST
SHORT OF THREATENING THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD WITHDRAW
FROM INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS OVER ISSUE OF ALLEGED TURKISH
COLONIZATION OF FAMAGUSTA. HE SAID TURKISH MOVES CAN ONLY
BE THE "COUP DE GRACE" OF COMMUNAL TALKS, THAT COLONIZATION
OF FAMAGUSTA WOULD DEPRIVE TALKS OF ANY CONTENT, AND THAT
FAILURE OF THE SC TO STOP TURKEY WOULD "DEAL A MORTAL BLOW"
TO PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. CHRISTOPHIDES
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DID NOT SPECIFY DESIRED OUTCOME OF DEBATE, BUT ASKED
SC TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO REVERSE PROCESS OF
COLONIZATION AND TO INSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION
OF PREVIOUS UN RESOLUTIONS.

3. IN RELATIVELY BRIEF REPLY, TFSC "FOREIGN MINISTER"
CHELIK QUESTIONED NEED FOR SC MEETING, AND SUGGESTED

GREEK CYPRIOT MOTIVES WERE TIED IN WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL MANEUVERING. CHELIK'S COMMENTS ON VAROSHA WERE CAREFULLY, THOUGH NOT VERY HELPFULLY, PHRASED. AFTER NOTING THAT FAMAGUSTA WAS SITUATED WITHIN BORDERS OF TFSC, CHELIK SAID "OUR RIGHTS OVER THIS AREA CANNOT BE MADE SUBJECT OF BARGAINING WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. NEVERTHELESS, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE COUNCIL THAT THERE IS NO RESETTLEMENT OF MARAS (FAMAGUSTA) IN PROCESS AS CLAIMED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE." ON INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, CHELIK SAID THE TURK CYPRIOTS ARE ALWAYS IN FAVOR OF TALKS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT "DESPITE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH" (PRESUMABLY DEATH OF MAKARIOS), TALKS "CAN RESUME AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE." AT SAME TIME, CHELIK SAID GREEK CYPRIOT RECOURSE TO SC WAS "INCOMPATIBLE" WITH RESUMPTION OF TALKS.

4. IN SUPPORTING THEIR CLIENTS, GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLE VITRIOL, BUT NO SUBSTANCE TO DEBATE.

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